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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR OAU AO

SUBJECT: ANGOLA: NEXT STEPS AT OAU AS SEEN BY ZAMBIAN FONMIN

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1426

1. FONMIN BANDA SAID TANZANIA WAS PUSHING FOR RECOGNITION OF MPLA BY SIMPLE MAJORITY OF OAU MEMBERS BUT ZAMBIA HOPED OAU SECRETARIAT WOULD NOT RULE PREMATURELY ON THE ISSUE AS LONG AS NUMBER OF AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE WERE CONSIDERING MATTER AMONG THEMSELVES. MOREOVER ZAMBIA BELIEVED THAT BECAUSE THERE TWO PENDING APPLICATIONS WITH OAU, ONE FOR MPLA RECOGNITION AND OTHER FOR FNLA/UNITA RECOGNITION, CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS SUFFICIENT GROUNDS TO CONSIDER ANGOLAN

RECOGNITION AN IMPORTANT QUESTION REQUIRING A 2/3
VOTE. THIS WAS POSITION ZAMBIA WOULD TAKE.

2. NEVERTHELESS ZAMBIA WOULD APPROACH OAU CM MEETING
IN CONCILIATORY AND COMPROMISING FRAME OF MIND BUT,
BANDA WARNED, IF MPLA PARTISANS PRESS TOO HARD THERE
WOULD BE NO HESITATION ON PART OF FNLA/UNITA PARTISANS
TO WALK OUT AND DENY THE MEETING A QUORUM.

3. COMMENT: FROM BANDA'S COMMENTS TO ME, WOULD APPEAR
THAT, DESPITE CONTINUING DEFECTIONS TO PRO-MPLA CAMP,
CM CONSIDERATION OF PRA MEMBERSHIP IN OAU MAY NOT BE SO
CUT AND DRIED AS PETER ONU WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE (ADDIS
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